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**(54) ONLINE SETTLEMENT
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SETTLEMENT SYSTEM, ITS
METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM ON
WHICH ITS PROGRAM IS
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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To
provide an online settlement system,
a service point settlement system, its
method, and a recording medium on
which its program is recorded to

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safely and promptly perform online auction and online shopping, etc.

SOLUTION: A purchasing user and a selling user provide accounts in a settlement agency constituted on a network. After that, the purchasing user and the selling user request the settlement agency to act for settlement. When the settlement request is accepted, the settlement agency collects the price from the account of the purchasing user. After that, when a fact that merchandise is received is notified from the purchasing user, the settlement agency transfers the collected price to the account of the selling user.

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